

BROOKLYN ASH REMOVAL PLAN BEING PROBED

Inventor Kennedy Tells How \$500,000 Contract with City Was Got.

Mr. Kennedy, the originator of the Brooklyn ash removal scheme which costs the city nearly \$500,000 a year, was on the stand today before the Aldermanic Investigating Committee. He testified that the contract now in force was turned down by the Van Wyck Board of Estimate in spite of all the influence that Senator McCarron, Anthony N. Brady and ex-Gov. Flower could bring to bear in its favor. He said he took the matter up with Woodbury one week after the latter took office and after a conference with Capt. Piper, who afterward became manager of the company which now has the contract secured the work.

Mr. Kennedy said he originated the plan as far back as 1897. He said he submitted the plan to former Governor Flower and on his recommendation turned it over with authority to Brady and Judge Woodbury, who told him to work out the idea. He then went to Commissioner Nagle with the plan.

Asked McCarron's Help. Q. Who introduced you to Commissioner Nagle? A. Senator McCarron. Q. Did you ask Senator McCarron to introduce you? A. Yes. Q. Why? A. I realized that I would get along better if I had an introduction from a man of influence.

Mr. Kennedy after telling about his successful efforts to get the contract told how it came to be assigned to the Brady Company. He testified that Brady paid for the contract money, \$125,000, for which service the witness agreed to assign the entire contract to Brady's company when it should be organized. Kennedy got 5 per cent of the capital stock and a position at \$7,500 per annum.

"It was to have been 10 per cent," said Mr. Kennedy, "but at the last moment Mr. Brady took advantage of the opportunity, knowing I could not make a turn at the last minute, and forced me to accept the reduction."

"It was taken that check on his terms, or lose the whole thing." The witness testified that the original contract with him was for hauling all waste out of the city without picking. The waste is now picked at the stations before hauling, and only what is left is hauled away.

Q. Then it is a fact that the contracting company is being paid for hauling a large amount of waste that it does not in fact haul. A. Yes.

Woodbury Laughs. Commissioner Woodbury laughed so loud at this point that Mr. Kennedy turned to look at him. He continued to laugh. "You understand that, do you not?" asked Mr. Kennedy.

"No, I may have a vague idea as to what you are trying to prove for," answered Woodbury.

"Well, I will give you an opportunity to make it all very clear," retorted Mr. Kennedy.

Witness admitted that before the contract was advertised he negotiated with Capt. Henry French for the control of his eighteen or twenty dumps, which were used by the city. He testified that he secured the use of these dumps for \$15,000 to be paid from the proceeds of the first year's pickings.

He testified to similar negotiations with Luke D. Stapleton and to paying \$25,000 for control of dumps owned by him.

The witness said the \$20,000 paid to Luke D. Stapleton was secured by his personal notes, which were paid by the American Railway Traffic Company.

Q. Do you know Samuel M. Garrison? A. Yes. I met him once. He is a lawyer in Brooklyn.

Q. Do you know Warden Hayes? A. Yes.

Q. Were either of these interested in any of the dumps you secured from Stapleton? A. I don't know.

Stapleton's Mind Changed. Q. Had Mr. Stapleton ever appeared before the Board of Estimate to oppose the letting of this contract to you? A. Yes, that was when the bid was turned down by the Board in Van Wyck's case.

Mr. Kennedy then read a report of the speech made by Stapleton at that time. He claimed to represent one Mr. McGarron for \$25,000 for services in introducing Kennedy to Street-Cleaning Commissioner Nagle.

Q. Did you pay \$25,000 to McGarron? No, Mr. Kennedy opposed it. Q. Did Brady pay \$25,000? A. I have no means of knowing.

C. Was there any agreement between you and McGarron as to this payment? A. No. The money was made after the contract was secured.

Q. Was there any understanding the examination of Kennedy when Alderman Dowling interrupted.

Mr. McGarron asked you for the \$25,000. "Not personally," said the witness. "I now do not know," Mr. McGarron wanted the \$25,000. Chairman Greenhagen asked.

"Brady told me so," said the witness. "Mr. W. W. Littleton stated to an Evening World reporter this afternoon that he was Kennedy's attorney and the letter to Brady was as to the terms of agreement between the two. Kennedy had told him of the \$25,000 payment for 'political obligations,' but he did not know who had made it."

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH FRAMED TO HIDE CRIME?

Girl's Body, Buried Under False Name, Exhumed and Identified.

As a result of a secret investigation, which has been going on at the Criminal Courts Building for a week, arrests will be made in a case centering about the death of a maid servant employed in a rich Fifth Avenue family from a criminal operation. The victim of malpractice was buried under an assumed name. Her relatives in an obscure country town knew nothing of her fate until they were notified to come here to identify the body.

Ten days ago a young woman's body was buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, at Maspeth, L. I., under the name of Lena Schmelz. The burial was a hurried, perfunctory affair. The certificate, which has since been found to be false, gave the cause of death as nephritis.

In a few days rumors that there was something wrong about the death came to the ears of the District Attorney through some agency not yet disclosed. From the Supreme Court he got an order authorizing the disinterment of the remains. He sent to Plymouth, Pa., for a young Russian, John Green.

Six days ago the body was taken from the grave. In the receiving vault of the cemetery the coffin was opened. John Green identified the body as that of his sister, Pauline Green, nineteen years old, who was employed when he last heard from her as a housemaid in a Fifth Avenue mansion.

Then Dr. S. M. Roth, of No. 252 East Third Street, was taken to the Coroner's office. He admitted that he had signed the certificate of death for Pauline Green, but said he only did so because he was paid for it.

He admitted making false statements in filling out the death certificate. The girl, he said, died at No. 213 East Seventy-eighth Street, and not at No. 213 East Seventy-eighth Street, as the certificate stated. He could not explain how he came to enter her name, age, parentage and nativity in the certificate. He said he was a cousin of Pauline Green and, in ignorance of the fact that she had been dead two days, he pretended to call up the Metropolitan Hospital and went through the form of inquiring over the telephone for the patient's condition. Roth confessed that his associate, Dr. Urane, also treated the girl.

Mr. Elmer Hoffman, a licensed midwife at whose place the victim died, told Mr. Turnhill late this afternoon that Pauline Green had been taken to her place in a cab by Dr. Roth and Dr. Urane on April 22. The sick girl lingered until April 23.

ONE MAN DEAD, ANOTHER UNCONSCIOUS FROM GAS

With the gas turned on full force in their room at No. 1,254 Thirtieth Street, Brooklyn, to-day, one man was found dead and another unconscious. The dead man was Gustav Wink, thirty years old, who committed suicide by turning on the gas. The other man, who is now unconscious, is a Norwegian, who is in a serious condition.

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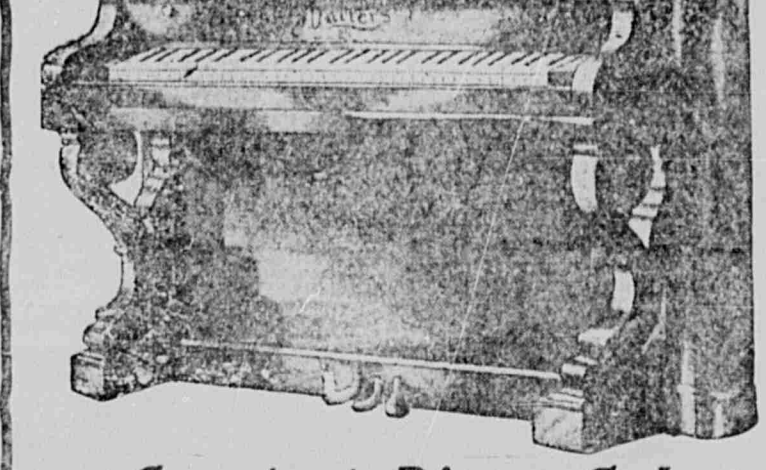
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